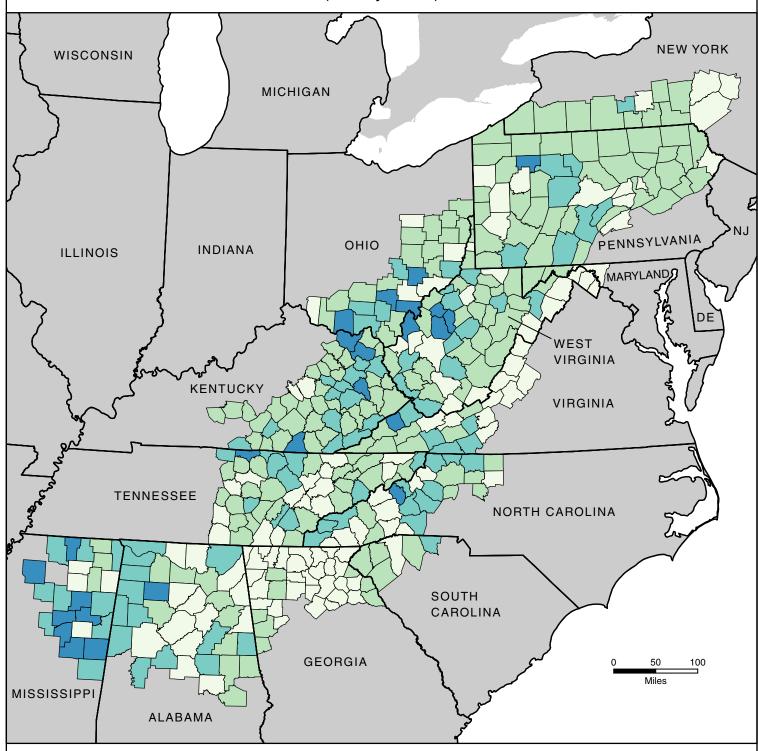
Three-Year Average Unemployment Rates in Appalachia, 2001-2003 (County Rates)



A three-year average unemployment rate is a measure of long-term structural unemployment. It is calculated by dividing the three-year sum of persons unemployed by the three-year sum of the civilian labor force. The map uses natural breaks in the distribution to organize the data into groups of common values.

Unemployment Rate 10.8% - 16.3% U.S. average = 5.5% Appalachian average = 5.6% 2.3% - 7.6% 2.3% - 5.2%



Map Created: October 2005.

(Natural Breaks Classification)

Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2001-2003.